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SUBJECT: AIRLIFT SUPPORT FOR UN MIDDLE EAST EMERGENCY
FORCE

REF: STATE 211415 (NOTAL)

1. THOMSON, ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY, FCO, INFORMED US
THIS AFTERNOON (OCT. 26) THAT UK IS ARRANGING TO AIRLIFT
900 TROOPS FROM UN PEACE-KEEPING FORCE CYPRUS TO "SOME
POINT" IN EGYPT. AIRLIFT WILL INCLUDE IMMEDIATE LOGISTIC
SUPPORT FOR 900-MAN FORCE AND SOME VEHICLES. FLIGHTS
FROM CYPRUS WILL BEGIN "AT ANY MOMENT", AND IT IS
POSSIBLE AIRLIFT WILL BE COMPLETED THIS EVENING. WHEN
THIS OPERATION COMPLETED, BRITISH WILL HAVE MOVED ALL
TROOPS FROM UNFICYP UN HAS ASKED FOR AT THIS TIME.

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2. THOMSON ADDED THAT UK IS NOW GIVING URGENT CONSIDERATION TO WHAT IT CAN DO TO FACILITATE MOVEMENT OF ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS OF PEACE-KEEPING FORCE TO MIDDLE EAST. HE SAID THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO BRITISH TO HAVE FURTHER DETAILS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF US PLANNING FOR AIRLIFT SUPPORT OF EMERGENCY FORCE, AND HE MADE CLEAR BRITISH WISH TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH US IN GETTING THE EMERGENCY FORCE IN PLACE AND MEETING ITS RESUPPLY NEEDS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE FURNISH US WITH SUCH DETAILS OF US PLANNING AND ESTIMATE OF REQUIREMENTS FOR AIRLIFT AND SUBSEQUENT SUPPLY OF EMERGENCY FORCE AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO PASS TO THE BRITISH.
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